

What is Claimed:

1. A floatation device for use as a barrier, said floatation device comprising:
  - an outer elongate tubular member fabricated of metal;
  - an inner elongate tubular member concentric with said outer tubular member and spaced therefrom so as to form a cavity therebetween;
  - a floatation medium within said cavity; and
  - a floatation medium within said inner tubular member.
2. A floatation device according to claim 1 wherein said outer tubular member is comprised of a metal selected from the group consisting of steel, stainless steel and aluminum.
3. A floatation device according to claim 1 wherein said inner tube is comprised of a material selected from the group consisting of steel, stainless steel, aluminum and a polymer material.
4. A floatation device according to claim 3 wherein said material comprises a hard plastic polymer material.
5. A floatation device according to claim 4 wherein said plastic material comprises polyvinylchloride pipe.
6. A floatation device according to claim 1 wherein said floatation medium comprises a medium selected from the group consisting of a gas, a liquid and a solid floatation material.
7. A floatation device according to claim 6 wherein said floatation medium within said inner tubular member comprises a foam.

8. A floatation device according to claim 7 wherein said foam comprises an epoxy foam.
9. A floatation device according to claim 8 wherein said floatation medium within said cavity comprises a foam wrapping.
10. A floatation device according to claim 1 wherein said floatation device includes a connection member at opposite ends thereof.
11. A floatation device according to claim 1 wherein said floatation device includes a mounting member for enabling the mounting of a superstructure thereon.
12. A floatation device according to claim 1 wherein said floatation device further comprises a barrier structure depending downwardly, in use, from the outer tubular member.
13. A floatation device according to claim 12 wherein the depending barrier structure comprises a fabric barrier for underwater debris.
14. A floatation device according to claim 1 wherein said floatation device further includes a plurality of protective barrier elements projecting outwardly from the outer tubular member.
15. A floating barrier device comprising:
  - at least one floatation device comprising an outer metallic member, an inner member defining an inner space disposed within, and spaced from, the outer member so as to define a cavity therebetween, a floatation medium disposed in said cavity, and a floatation medium disposed in said inner space, and
  - a superstructure mounted on said at least one floatation device.

16. A barrier device according to claim 15 wherein said superstructure comprises an open framework including at least two longitudinally extending connector members.
17. A barrier device according to claim 16 further comprising at least one sign secured to at least one of said connector members of said superstructure.
18. A barrier device according to claim 15 wherein said at least one floatation device comprises a plurality of said floatation devices connected together to form a barrier.
19. A floating barrier device comprising a plurality of elongate floatation devices each comprising an outer member, an inner member defining an inner space and disposed within said outer member so as to define a cavity therebetween, a floatation medium in said inner space and a floatation medium within said cavity, said floatation devices being connected together in serial relation to form a floating barrier.
20. A barrier device according to claim 19 wherein at least one of said floatation devices includes a superstructure carrying warning signage.
21. A barrier device according to claim 19 wherein a pair of said floatation devices form a barrier unit, wherein a plurality of barrier units are provided, and wherein said barrier units are connected together in end to end relation wherein at least one floatation device of one barrier unit is connected to at least one floatation device of a further barrier unit.
22. A barrier device according to claim 21 wherein said barrier units are further connected together end to end by a further said floatation device.
23. A barrier device according to claim 21 wherein said barrier units are further connected together end to end by a cable member interconnecting a further said floatation device of said one barrier unit and a further said floatation device of said further barrier unit.

24. A barrier device according to claim 19 wherein said floatation devices each include a connector element including an upright pivot tube and adjacent floatation devices are connected together by connector means comprising a plurality of connector plates received on the pivot tubes of the connector elements of the adjacent floatation devices and secured in place by respective bolts extending through said pivot tubes and tightened by respective nuts.